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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated May 24, 2001 and concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, the period for response having been extended three (3) months to November 24, 2001, following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~35-40, 44, 46, 47, 53 and 55~~ without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

Claim 34. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide having a nucleotide